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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF **TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2001, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the deadline for filing a response by two (2) months from May 13, 2001, to July 13, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account 09-1990 (IBM Corporation).

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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